

# Prayer Week 2010



## St Stephen's Church

Shottermill

SUNDAY

### EVENTS

9.00 Holy Communion  
10.45 Morning Worship  
7.00 pm Iona Celebration 7.00 pm Liquid

### THEME FOR THE DAY

#### God is Holiness

Isaiah 6.1-7 Deut. 4.24 Exodus 3. 1-6

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour For the Mighty One has done great things - Holy is His name. This was Mary's praise to God. Luke 1.46. We all have reasons to acknowledge God's holiness for what He has done for us . If we believe in Jesus then we are His children and can be a part of heaven singing - Holy, holy, holy the Lord God Almighty!

### PRAYER FOCUS

#### Our personal walk with God

Take a little time today to think about your walk with God. Is it an easy relationship or are you feeling he is distant at the moment or maybe maybe you are distant from him. Whatever your current experience God desires to walk with us as he walked with Adam in the Garden, Start by talking to him about how you would like things to be, areas you would like to be closer to him in. If the opportunity arises go for a walk and include Him in that. Stop and be aware of the Creator in all you see and every person you meet or see.

### RESOURCES

**Creation:** Today's resource is all around us. We are surrounded by God's creation. His Creation speaks of Him, full of Majesty, awesome, tender, detailed and amazing. Use reflection on this as a springboard to praising God.

**Book:** An Affair of the Heart by Robert Warren This is a very readable companion to prayer and suitable for everyone wherever they are in their prayer journey. It introduces or reminds us of different ways of praying and encourages us to try them all.

## MONDAY

### EVENTS

6.30 am!! Breakfast with Danny for commuters  
9.00 Prayer for St Stephens      10.00 Meditation  
2.00 Prayer Walk    Weyhill meet at Church  
8.00pm Prayer with Emma Cunningham's housegroup

### THEME FOR THE DAY

#### God is Reconciler

Thank you God that we are one with you, the separation that started in the Garden of Eden has now been reversed through the death of your Son on the cross. We give you thanks that we can now come freely to your throne of grace. Amen

### PRAYER FOCUS

#### Work Life

Pray for your own work, be it paid, voluntary, parent, helping at church, helping neighbours, elderly relatives, being that friendly face when people need some company.

Pray for your relationships with others in these encounters, that you may be Christ to them and that you would see Christ in them.

Forgive where that is needed and take any difficult relationships to God in prayer, ask for his reconciling work in them

Pray for others in the Church and other that you know, that work might be fulfilling and in God's plan for that person. Pray for protection of work and businesses during this current economic climate.

### RESOURCES

**God's Word:** The Bible. For example use a psalm to pray. Psalm 72 for Justice, Psalm 77 when feeling in need of help.

Choose a Psalm and read it through, then read it back through slowly and pause and pray over each line. Use the words of the psalm to pray for the circumstances you and others face.

**Book.** Prayer, Does it make any difference - Philip Yancey asks the questions we want to, but perhaps are too polite: does prayer REALLY affect what happens in the world? And then he backs his conclusions up with some wonderful true life examples of answers to prayer".

## TUESDAY

### EVENTS

7-8.00am Breakfast with Danny  
10.00 Meditation      11.00-11.30 Prayer for Curate - Giles  
2.30-4.30pm Vanessa Kemp housegroup  
8.00 pm Prayer led by the D & A Laver and Kennedy Housegroup

### THEME FOR THE DAY

#### God is Grace

2 Cor.9.6 -15, 2 Cor 12.9-10

God's grace is vast and endless! Sin abounds and grace is right behind it! Thank you God for your amazing gift of grace. We do not deserve such comfort but by the blood of Jesus grace flows from your throne like a river to the depths of our souls. We thank you. Amen

### PRAYER FOCUS

#### Family Life and Marriage

Give thanks! That the Government now accepts the evidence that Marriage is the best framework for children's development. Give for the marriages you know, and pray that they will continue to grow in love, commitment, prayer, mutual submission and service

**Pray for:** increased attendance at Marriage and Parenting Courses  
Marriages in difficulties, that couples will persevere and find help.  
Young people: to avoid shallow relationships and promiscuous behaviour.

For those who are single that God would support them in that and be their constant companion. That we as a Church would be family.

Please pray for our new Curate Giles, his wife Rachel and their children Jessie (10), Libby (9) and Charlie (5) as they prepare to join us in the summer and particularly that the housing need would be met.

### RESOURCES

Wordlive This is available online, by email, by podcast and includes a daily reading as well as prayer pointers.

[www.scriptureunion.org.uk/](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/) (and down the page to Wordlive - get started)

Book: Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann

## WEDNESDAY

### EVENTS

7-8.00 am Breakfast with Danny

10.00 Meditation      12.00 Staff Prayers all welcome bring some lunch

eve Alpha Launch Supper at 7.30 no eve prayer in Church

### THEME FOR THE DAY

#### God is Love

1 John 4.16 Eph. 3.14-19 John 15.9-13

St Ignatius wrote:

Lord my God, when your love spilled over into creation. You thought of me.

I am - from love - of love - for love. Amen

### PRAYER FOCUS

#### Our Church, town churches and the worldwide Church

Pray for the Alpha course starting tonight, that all who attend would encounter a great knowledge and experience of God's love

Pray for our church family, that we would become more like Jesus to our community, a reflection of God's love.

For our leaders and families, for Danny and Debs, Lee and Laura,, Vanessa, John and Jeannie, Andrew, Colin and Andy Rigby, Giles and his family and all who serve.

For the town churches, for their leaders and congregations, for unity and love between the churches in Haslemere, that we act as one in the community. For the continuing impact of the WAVE.

For the worldwide church, particularly those under persecution, for

### RESOURCES

**The Church noticesheet, Alpha News, noticeboard** Read these and pray for the events happening, the needs raised.

Book: The Lion Prayer Collection

## THURSDAY

### EVENTS

7-8.00am Breakfast with Danny

10.00 Holy Communion      2.00 Prayer through creativity

8pm Praying for the Unreached with Neil Wilson

### THEME FOR THE DAY

#### God is Peace

Isaiah 11.6 -9

Be still and know that I am God Psalm 46.10

Daily life is so hectic for many of us it is so important to find a little time each day to be still. Acknowledging that God is in everything and that every situation can be worked through in Him. John 15.5 '... apart from me you can do nothing.' Well we can in our own strength but it won't be surrounded by God's peace.

### PRAYER FOCUS

#### The unreached

Pray for all those who do not know God. For those who have never heard the Good News, that they would do so and for those who have heard and not understood that they would awaken and meet the living God

Pray for the missionaries that we support as a church

Pray for our own encounters with people who do not know God, our families, friends and colleagues, that God would use those relationships to touch them.

### RESOURCES

**Newspapers and the News** There is much in there to pray for. Even watch the TV news and pray as you watch. For example the earthquake in Haiti brings much to pray for.

**Book:** Intercessory Prayer by Dutch Sheets An excellent detailed guide to intercession, our role in prayer. Basic theology lightend up Dutch's light hearted stories.

## EVENTS

7-8.00am Breakfast with Maura  
 10.00-11.30 Sarah Weldon housegroup  
 7.00 pm Led by Liquid

## THEME FOR THE DAY

**God is Hope**

Jer 31.33-34 Heb 6.19

Our hope has been and will always be found in Jesus Christ. With so much strife and conflict in our world today Jesus is our sure and certain foundation in whom we trust. Rev 7. 17 For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Children, youth, schools, universities**

Pray for our children and young people. That they would walk with God all the days of their lives. That God will use them fully in His kingdom as he has desired before they were even born.

Pray for the Rainbow, J

for our children and youth leaders. For Sam doing DNA and his fellow students.

Pray for those who are away at university. That they would find good Christian fellowship there and that they would be aware of God's presence with them.

## RESOURCES

**Pray-as-you-Go online or podcast** This is from the Jesuit community and includes a piece of music ( traditional or modern) , a bible reading and prayer time including a personal response to the reading [www.pray-as-you-go.org/](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/)

**Book:** The Passionate Church by Mike Breen especially the chapter on the prayer hexagon.

## EVENTS

9.00 breakfast with talk (Danny)  
 Followed by shared reading of John's Gospel until 12.30 - Prayer week ends

## THEME FOR THE DAY

**LOVE AND OBEDIENCE**

Deut 11.1-21, Mark 12.30

God's call on us is to seek His face above all else. This isn't easy - there are so many distractions but its all he asks of us. The Lord says'.... If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land'. 2 Chronicles 7.13

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Our local Community**

Pray firstly for ourselves as a church, that we might be Christ to the community in which we have been put.

Pray for businesses, leaders, shops, care homes, Haslewey, Shottermill Club and schools in the area, that might prosper and be run in a godly way.

Pray for a transformation in this area, that people might encounter God and be changed.

## RESOURCES

**People you meet!** As you go to the shops and about your business, ask God to show you people as he sees them, give you the words to say as you meet with them and use you to bless all those you meet today

**Book:** Prayer and Revival , EM. Bounds - edited by Darrel D. King. This is an edited and updated into modern language collection of articles EM. Bounds wrote on prayer - challenging!